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GOVERNING COUNCIL

RF: NAIROBI 0902

1. WEOG REPS MET JANUARY 26 TO DISCUSS FURTHER QUESTION OF
PRESIDENCY OF GC VI. DANISH CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED HE HAD TALKED
INFORMALLY WITH THACHER RE QUALIFICATIONS WHICH SHOULD BE
SOUGHT:(A) FAMILIARITY WITH UNEP;(B) FAMILIARITY WITH INTER-
NATIONAL MEETINGS; OR (C) COMBINATION OF A(A) AND (B). THACHER
UNSURPRISINGLY OPTED FOR (C). HE ALSO NOTED DESIRABILITY,

FROM SECRETARIAT'S POINT OF VIEW, THAT WORKING LANGUAGE OF
PRESIDENT BE EITHER ENGLISH OR FRENCH.

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2. SPANISH CHARGE, AT INVITATION OF CHAIRMAN, THEN OUTLINED
QUALIFICATIONS OF "PROBABLE" SPANISH CANDIDATE, ROVING
MBASSADOR MIGUEL ANGEL VELARDE, FORMER AMBASSADOR TO KENYA
AND PERMREP TO UNEP. VELARDE HAD ATTENDED FOUR CG'S AND
HAD LED SPANISH DELEGATION TO THREE OF THEM. FRG AND
FRENCH AMBASSADORS BOTH SUPPORTED VELARDE CANDIDACY,

AND NOTED THAT HE WAS FLUENT IN BOTH ENGLISH AND FRENCH, ALTHOUGH THEY COULD SEE NO BAR TO HIS USING HIS NATIVE TONGUE WHICH WAS INDEED ONE OF THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGES OF THE UN.

3. GREECE, ITALY, BELGIUM, TURKEY AND AUSTRIA ALL SUPPORTED SPANISH CANDIDACY. UK, US, NORWAY, NETHERLANDS AND CANADA TOOK LINE PROPOSED REFTEL: THEY WOULD SUPPORT ANY

CANDIDATE SUPPORTED BY REST OF GROUP AND WELCOMED

CANDIDACY OF AMBASSADOR VELARDE.

4. SWEDISH CHARGE NOTED THAT SHE HAD NOT YET RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM STOCKHOLM AND WOULD THEREFORE HAVE TO RESERVE HER POSITION, ALTHOUGH SHE PERSONALLY DID NOT BELIEVE THAT HER GOVERNMENT WOULD OPPOSE CONSENSUS SUPPORT FOR SPANISH CANDIDATE, ESPECIALLY AS SWEDEN NOT A MEMBER OF GC. AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER TOOK SIMILAR POSITION.

5. IN VIEW OF WIDESPREAD, BUT NOT YET UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT, CHAIRMAN PROPOSED THAT ALL REPS INFORM CAPITALS OF DISCUSSIONS. UNLESS OPPOSITION TO SPANISH CANDIDACY IS INDICATED BEFORE FEBRUARY 15, FINNISH PERMREP(WEOG CHAIRMAN FOR FEBRUARY) WILL INFORM EXDIR TOLBA ON THAT DATE OF WEOG DECISION.
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